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### "THERE IS NO LONGER ANY REASON TO HAVE FAITH IN THE WARREN REPORT'S CONCLUSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN KENNEDY" . . . Senator Richard Schweiker

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**Note:** Shortly after the Senate Subcommittee report\* was released, the AIB held a press conference on Friday, June 25, 1976, at the Sheraton Commander Hotel in Cambridge. It was attended by 12 representatives of the media. The AIB's statements and analysis received coverage from the Boston *Herald American*, three TV channels, WGBH, WCUB, and WNAC, and at least four radio stations. The Boston *Globe* was silent — one more indication of the retreat of the Boston *Globe* from coverage of news obnoxious to the CIA and the FBI. The following is based on the report of the AIB at the press conference.

#### Courage

We are indebted to the Church subcommittee staff and, in particular, Senator Richard Schweiker, for having the

courage to do what no other government agency has ever done: openly and publicly acknowledge that (in Schweiker's words) "there is no longer any reason to have faith in the Warren Report's conclusion on the assassination of John Kennedy."

For the past several years, we have been urging a new investigation into this case, and we appreciate the steps taken by Senator Schweiker in that direction.

#### But The Same Old Excuses

Unfortunately, the subcommittee's work falls far short of a full investigation. In defending the narrow scope of its investigation, the committee offers the same excuses given by the Warren Commission for its inadequacies: poor resources, a limited staff, and not enough time to carry out its investigation.

#### Distortion

The AIB has always maintained that the basic arguments for conspiracy lie in the facts pertaining to the assassination of John Kennedy in Dallas: the ballistics, medical, and photographic evidence. The Senate subcommittee, with narrow limits on its investigation, did not go into this crucial area. Accordingly, we are annoyed by media  
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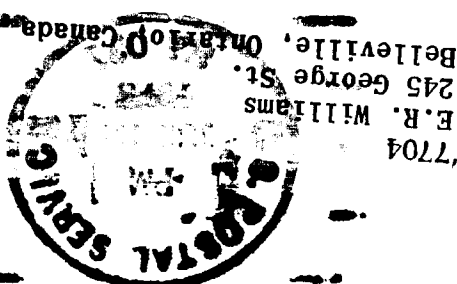
- facts, information, truth, and unanswered questions that are important to people, widely suppressed, and not adequately covered in the usual American press; and also to
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# The Takeover of America:

## The Power-Control Group and How It Began

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*"The question for 1976 is — can the power-control group continue the takeover during this year's elections? Based on a probability analysis, the answer . . . would have to be 'Yes.' "*

### "That's Not Possible Here"

The taking of America has been a simple and, at the same time, a very complex process. It has not been the result of a coup d'etat similar to those in South American countries, although some aspects of the process resemble a coup. It has not been a process similar to the dictatorship takeovers in Germany, Italy, and other fascist regimes. It has not been a process like the Communist takeovers in Russia, Hungary, and other eastern European countries.

The taking of America has been a process unique in the history of the world. The one feature that makes it unique is that what was once the greatest democracy in the world has been taken over by a power-control group without the knowledge of most of the American people or their congressional representatives or most of the rest of the world. Accomplishing this feat is rather remarkable. The group has taken America in this fashion because the American presidency had increased in power by the early 1960s to the point where control of the presidency and the presidential election procedure was good enough to control America. However, the use of two fiendishly clever stratagems was necessary in order to keep the fact that control had been seized from being obvious to the people. The first of these was control of the establishment media in the dissemination of both true (blocking) and false (flooding) information. The second was the use of clandestine weapons and techniques developed during World War II and perfected during the Korean and Viet Nam wars. These techniques are so new and unusual as to be unbelievable for most citizens. Thus, the incredibility of such weapons as hypnosis, brainwashing, and "programming" of patsies for assassins became a psychological tool in the bag of techniques of the power-control group. The average American has shrugged off the possibility of the takeover with the belief that "that's not possible here."

### Hitler Did Not Even Come Close

The use of such weapons, when coupled with a tremendous campaign through the controlled media, as whitewashing any signs of conspiracies and disinformation being spread throughout the country has successfully blocked any serious or official attempts to get at the truth. Unofficial investigators, private researchers, and even congressional representatives have been ridiculed and completely blocked by both the power-control group and their unwitting or blindfolded allies in the media. The American people, by and large, know only what they read in the papers, as Will Rogers used to say. Except that

since World War II, it has been mostly only what they see on television.

To take over a real democracy without letting the people know it has been taken over is a fantastic achievement. Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, and Machiavelli did not even come close to it. A list of the accomplishments of this group illustrates the point. Since 1963, here is what they have done.

1. Assassinated John F. Kennedy.
2. Controlled Lyndon B. Johnson as president.
3. Forced LBJ out of the presidency.
4. Assassinated Robert F. Kennedy, assuring Nixon's election in 1968.
5. Assassinated Dr. Martin Luther King.
6. Eliminated Edward M. Kennedy from the 1972 election by framing him at Chappaquiddick and threatening his children.
7. Eliminated George C. Wallace, assuring Nixon's election in 1972.
8. Knocked Edmund C. Muskie out of the 1972 election by using dirty tricks.
9. Covered up all of the above.
10. Controlled the 15 major news media organizations.
11. Made Gerald Ford vice president and then president.
12. Insured continuity of cover-ups by forcing Ford to pardon Nixon.
13. Murdered about 100 witnesses and participants in the above-mentioned assassinations and attempted assassination.
14. Blocked efforts by private citizens and organizations to reveal the takeover. Discredited, ruined, or infiltrated these individuals and groups. Assisted or killed the operating assassins in so doing.
15. Blocked efforts by congressmen in the Senate and House to initiate investigations of the assassinations. Used infiltration, influence in Congress, and threats to whitewash, ridicule, or eliminate these efforts. This influence and infiltration has been particularly effective in the Church committee and in the House Rules Committee.
16. Controlled the presidential election procedure in 1964, 1968, and 1972 by the expedient method of eliminating the candidates who might expose the truth and insuring the election or appointment of candidates already committed to covering up the truth about the takeover.

## The Question for 1976

The question for 1976 is — can the power-control group continue the takeover during this year's elections? Will they be successful in blocking efforts by Congress to expose the takeover? Will they be able to fool the American public again and be able to control the media when they eliminate the candidate or candidates for president in 1976, who might threaten their secure position? Based on a probability analysis, the answer to these questions would have to be, "Yes."

The candidates on the scene during the primaries of 1976 fell into three categories from the point of view of the control group. Category 1 included candidates who would probably continue the cover-up of the takeover. Gerald Ford led this group. Ronald Reagan was not too far behind him. Henry Jackson was a probable ally because of his backing of the CIA, an important organization in the cover-ups and the takeover. Category 2 included those candidates who would probably try to expose the takeover and the power-control group if elected. Morris Udall, Fred Harris, and George Wallace fell into this category. Wallace would do it largely for personal reasons. Udall and Harris were publicly committed to reopening assassination inquiries. Category 3 included candidates whose intentions were not clear or completely unknown. Jimmy Carter, Frank Church, and Hubert Humphrey remained in this group, although Sargent Shriver and Birch Bayh were also in this category before they dropped out of the race during the early primaries.

### Safe Candidates

Udall, Harris, and Wallace could be sure of efforts to eliminate them if any one of them were nominated at the Democratic convention. Jackson, Church, Carter, and Humphrey would certainly be put to some kind of loyalty test before being permitted to continue as the Democratic nominee. Reagan and Ford are no doubt already safe candidates for the control group because of the demonstrated cover-up performances. Ford has cooperated fully in at least four ways. He was on the Warren Commission and led the cover up. He published the cover-up book "Portrait of the Assassin." He pardoned Nixon and protected the Nixon tapes with their probable revelations about the JFK assassination cover up. And he formed the Rockefeller Commission, appointing David Belin as head of the staff to continue the cover-up of the JFK conspiracy.

Reagan has cooperated in at least three ways. He protected important witnesses from extradition from California in 1967-1969 for testimony before the grand jury in New Orleans and at the trial of Clay Shaw. He assisted Evelle Younger, then district attorney in Los Angeles and later California state attorney general, in covering up the assassination conspiracy in the Robert F. Kennedy case. And he has consistently supported the CIA, FBI, and other intelligence agencies in California and nationally in their foreign and domestic clandestine activities.

### "Will the Truth Make Us Free?"

Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez from San Antonio, Texas, who introduced House Resolution 204 to reopen the two Kennedy assassination cases, the King case, and the Wallace shooting, has taken a public position on the possibility of the control of the 1976 election. Congressman Gonzalez says,

"If we find the answers — the truth — to the questions [about the assassinations of JFK, RFK, MLK, and Wallace attempt] I have raised, as well as those many others have raised, will the truth make us free? Yes, it will, for the truth will make us free to pursue democracy — our system of government — through the ballot box, and we will not be subject to government by bullets. The truth will enable us to prevent such a series of events from happening again. Some of the supporters of the investigation have written to me recently of their hope that the investigation will get underway right away [March 1976] because they are concerned that there is great danger in store for the Democratic nominee for president, whoever he turns out to be. I hope very much that these fears do not turn out to have a basis in fact."

### The Cabal: More Questions Than Answers

Just who and what is the power-control group? Simplified explanations of a takeover group have been made in the past by assassination researchers and others. Some have said it's the military-industrial complex. Some prefer to put the blame on the Rockefellers and the Council on Foreign Relations. Others have talked about control shifting from the Yankees to the Cowboys and back again. The expression "the Cabal" was first used to describe a high-level conspiracy group that planned, financed, and carried out the assassination of John F. Kennedy, in an obscure paper by an unknown author in 1968 ("Nomenclature of an Assassination," Torbett). The word "cabal" has been used since then by some authors and researchers to apply to all of the major domestic assassinations.

The questions raised by the idea of a cabal are more numerous than the answers provided. What individuals are in the Cabal? Was the same cabal behind the planning and financing of all four or five (Chappaquiddick being the fifth) major eliminations? Or are there several interlocking cabals? What about the Warren and Rockefeller commissions? Were they part of the Cabal, or innocent dupes? Which cabal controls and infiltrates the media and organizes the disinformation pouring forth in 1975 and 1976? Is Ford a Cabal member? Was Nixon? How about Johnson and Kissinger? If there is only one cabal, have they commanded the executions of the 100 witnesses and lower level participants?

### The Hierarchy of the Power-Control Group

The mistake made by researchers in postulating higher level groups is to try to simplify a very complex situation. First of all, to draw a distinct line between those involved in an overt conspiracy to assassinate a leader and those involved afterward in covering up the first group's actions is a mistake. The cover-ups are far more important in their implications than the original assassinations. Each assassination or attempted assassination or other form of elimination of a leader is only part of a greater whole. The sixteen accomplishments of the power-control group (listed in Chapter 1), plus those now taking place and those scheduled for the future, should be considered as a continuous spectrum, all interrelated and all sharing one prime objective: control of the presidency through control of the election process and the candidates.

In this continuous spectrum then, the control group membership may contain individuals in various

categories, some of whom planned, some of whom knew about, but did not plan, and some of whom did not know in advance about any given one of the assassinations or eliminations. Some may have been on the firing line but have had nothing to do with the cover ups. Some of them are victims of later eliminations. In the hierarchy of the power-control group somewhere is a subgroup, or perhaps several, who have been responsible for the murder types of eliminations of presidential candidates, of earlier assassins, of witnesses, and of earlier middle-to-higher level members of the power-control group. These subgroups might be thought of as intelligence-style task forces or mini cabals. There is little question that many of the individuals in these task forces are from organized crime and from the intelligence community, or both. They have had access to intelligence techniques and weapons that have been used frequently in the elimination process.

#### A Living Organism

A second mistake made by some researchers is to assume a static shape of the Cabal through time. Evidence shows that the power-control group has been a living organism that both shrinks and grows as a function of time, and with some turnover near the top. The shrinkages take place through eliminations and a few natural deaths. The growth takes place for several reasons. It is necessary to use new techniques and new people in the activities of the group as time passes in order to continue effective control of the media and to continue to fool the people and Congress. Other growth takes place because it is necessary to bring new higher level people into the group from time to time. New candidates for president acceptable to the group must be sworn in and must agree to continue the cover-ups. New media lackeys or new special committees or commissions are also needed. Once in a while, an individual blackmails his way in. Some come in on a de facto basis. Protectors of the Kennedys and their children fall into this category.

In addition to presidents (there have been three, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford), the very nature of the cover-up procedure has made it necessary to expose at least some of the truth to vice presidents and vice presidential candidates. Each vice president elected or appointed since 1963 has had to know the truth about the cover ups in the event he became president. These men include Humphrey under Johnson, Agnew under Nixon, and then Ford and Rockefeller. Ford was the most important of this group since he had to agree to pardon Nixon and to protect the tapes.

The heads of the FBI and CIA, plus selected, trusted second-level men as well as the deputy director of plans (DDP) in the CIA, have all had to know some of the truth. The members of the 40 group and their successors, who presumably know all of the intelligence secrets of the country, are no doubt brought into this inner circle of knowledgeable people. The Warren commissioners were split. Warren, Dulles, McCloy, and Ford all knew the truth. Cooper, Boggs, and Russell did not. The Rockefeller commission was also split. Rockefeller certainly knows and so does Ford's man on that commission, David Belin. Kissinger must know the truth, as well as some of the officers in the Department of Defense. Then there are the Cabal members planted in the various media organizations who know the truth.

#### Cover-Ups Easier to Prove

This view of the power control group as a living organism can best be constructed and proven by starting with the cover-up efforts and the control of the media, as opposed to examining the conspiracies to assassinate each leader. It is much easier to show how Gerald Ford, for example, led the cover-up in the JFK conspiracy than it is to determine who were the members of the power control group that planned and financed the assassination.

It is difficult to show evidence of higher level participation in the assassinations of Robert Kennedy, Dr. King, and in the attempt on George Wallace. It is not difficult at all to prove that many individuals at high levels conspired to cover up the conspiracies in each of the three cases and to prove that they helped frame at least one of the patsies selected (James Earl Ray).

#### How It All Began: The Late 1950s

To understand the origins of the taking of America and the power-control group, it is necessary to go back to the late 1950s, the last years of the Eisenhower administration, and examine what was going on in the cold war against Communism. Eisenhower had suffered several strokes and a heart attack and was partially immobilized. He entrusted a major share of the coordination of clandestine activities being conducted by the CIA against the worldwide "Red Menace" to Richard Nixon, his vice president. While Eisenhower was warning against the military-industrial complex at home and attempting moves toward detente with Russia through a summit meeting, he was being sabotaged by the plans section of the CIA and by Richard Nixon.

This clandestine section of the CIA arranged for a U2 with Gary Powers as pilot to go down over Russia, thus giving Khrushchev a chance to expose American spying and to cancel the summit meeting. This was one of the earliest moves of the nucleus of what later evolved into the power-control group.

#### The Bay of Pigs

In the spring of 1960, with Eisenhower nearly senile, Nixon got him to approve the plan for the invasion of Cuba and the assassination of Castro. Nixon was the chief White House action officer for what turned out later to be the Bay of Pigs. The power-control group was beginning to organize itself. Nixon was part of it, but surely not the leader. The cold warriors and strong anti-Communist "patriots" in the plans or operations section of the CIA formed the original nucleus.

The plan was, of course, for Nixon to become president in 1961 and to launch a successful takeover of Cuba. John F. Kennedy came along to upset the plan. Not only did he make the takeover impossible, but he soon discovered the evils lurking in the hearts and minds of the clandestine CIA operators and laid his own plans to destroy them. Kennedy's assassination became an essential act of survival for some of these individuals.

#### Many Americans Have Forgotten

With all that has happened between 1960 and 1976, it is sometimes difficult to recall just what the circumstances were back in those days. Many American citizens have forgotten that, in 1959 and 1960, Richard Nixon was vice president of the United States. As an old anti-Communist from Alger Hiss

and Khrushchev debate days, Nixon was in the forefront of pressure for the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. What has not been remembered is that Nixon was largely responsible for the covert training of Cuban exiles by the CIA in preparation for the Bay of Pigs. He stated so in his book Six Crises: "The covert training of Cuban exiles by the CIA was due in substantial part, at least, to my efforts. This had been adopted as a policy as a result of my direct support." /1/

While the Bay of Pigs operation was under the overall CIA direction of Allen Dulles, Richard M. Bissell, Jr., was the CIA man in charge, according to Ross and Wise. /2/ Charles Cabell, /3/ the deputy director of the CIA, and a man with the code name Frank Bender were also near the top of the operational planning. /4/ Everette Howard Hunt, Jr., was in charge of the actual invasion, using the code name "Eduardo." Bernard L. Barker, using the code name "Macho," worked for Hunt in the CIA Bay of Pigs planning. James McCord was an organizer for the invasion and was one of the highest ranking officials in the CIA. Frank Sturgis, alias Frank Fiorini, was also involved in the Bay of Pigs operations. Virgilio Gonzales was a CIA agent active in the Bay of Pigs, and so was Eugenio Martinez. Charles Colson was a former CIA official who knew McCord and Hunt during the Bay of Pigs period. /5/

"President Eisenhower had ordered the CIA to arm and train the exiles in May of 1960. Nixon and his advisors wanted the CIA invasion to take place before the voters went to the polls on November 8, 1960." /6/.

#### Nixon's Lies October 1960

Mr. Nixon's truth-telling capacity during an election campaign is nowhere more clearly demonstrated than by the deliberate lies he told on national television on October 21, 1960. He said in his book that the lies were told for a patriotic reason, namely to protect the covert operations planned for the Bay of Pigs at all costs. The significance of this is that Mr. Nixon considered patriotism as covering the protection of plans or actions of individuals that he considered were working for the United States' best interests.

#### Kennedy Did Know About Bay of Pigs Plans

John Kennedy and Richard Nixon engaged in a series of national television debates during the 1960 campaign. At Eisenhower's request, Kennedy was briefed by Allen Dulles, head of the CIA, on secret CIA activities and international problems, on July 23, 1960. Nixon was not aware of the briefing contents and was not sure whether Dulles told Kennedy about the Bay of Pigs plans. As it turned out, Dulles had not mentioned the plans, but had kept his remarks about Cuba rather general.

On October 6, 1960, Kennedy gave his major speech on Cuba. He said that events might create an opportunity for the U.S. to bring influence on behalf of the cause of freedom in Cuba. He called for encouraging those liberty-loving Cubans who were leading the resistance to Castro.

Nixon became very disturbed about this because he felt Kennedy was trying to pre-empt a policy which he claimed as his own. Nixon ordered Fred Seaton, secretary of the interior, to call the White House and find out whether Dulles had briefed Kennedy on the Cuban invasion plans. Seaton talked to

General Andrew Goodpaster, Eisenhower's link to the CIA, who told Seaton that Kennedy did know about the Bay of Pigs plans.

#### Nixon's Attack on Kennedy

Nixon became incensed. He said, "There was only one thing I could do. The covert operation had to be protected at all costs. I must not even suggest by implication that the U.S. was rendering aid to rebel forces in and out of Cuba. In fact, I must go to the other extreme: I must attack the Kennedy proposal to provide such aid as wrong and irresponsible because it would violate our treaty commitments." /7/

So Richard M. Nixon, then our vice president, later our president, actually went on national television (ABC) on October 21, 1960, knowing we were going to invade Cuba and lied like a "patriotic trooper." During the fourth television debate, he said that Kennedy's proposal was dangerously irresponsible and that it would violate five treaties between the U.S. and Latin America as well as the United Nations' Charter. /8/

On October 22, at Muhlenberg College, Nixon really turned on the fabrication steam. He said, "Kennedy called for the U.S. Government to support a revolution in Cuba, and I say that this is the most shockingly reckless proposal ever made in our history by a presidential candidate during a campaign ..."

#### The Kennedy Strength

So the battle for truth boiled down again to Nixon vs. Kennedy. Apparently, the only power or strength in the U.S., since 1959, able to contest the power of Richard M. Nixon and his cohorts was the strength of the Kennedy family and name.

Thus the stage was set in 1961 for the group of powerful individuals who had planned the Bay of Pigs to gain revenge on John F. Kennedy for trying to change the overall direction of the U.S. battle against Communism. After Kennedy refused to approve the overall plan for overt U.S. backing of the Bay of Pigs invasion, various individuals in the clandestine CIA forces vowed their revenge.

Evidence has appeared indicating that, in the spring of 1961, Helms, Hunt, Sturgis, and Barker tried to have JFK assassinated in Paris. /9/ When the attempt failed, a number of other plots and subplots developed through the next two years. After Kennedy's blockade strategy against Castro during the missile crisis in 1962 was implemented, some of the high-level CIA and armed forces people wanted even more to get him out of the White House. They had favored a direct invasion or bombing of Cuba.

And, finally, when Kennedy found out about the CIA's plans for another invasion of Cuba in the spring and summer of 1963, and stopped them, they began in earnest a plan to kill him.

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